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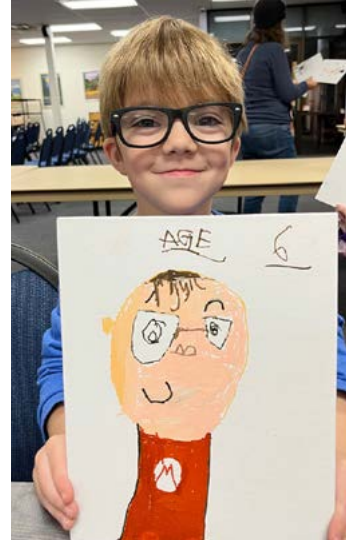
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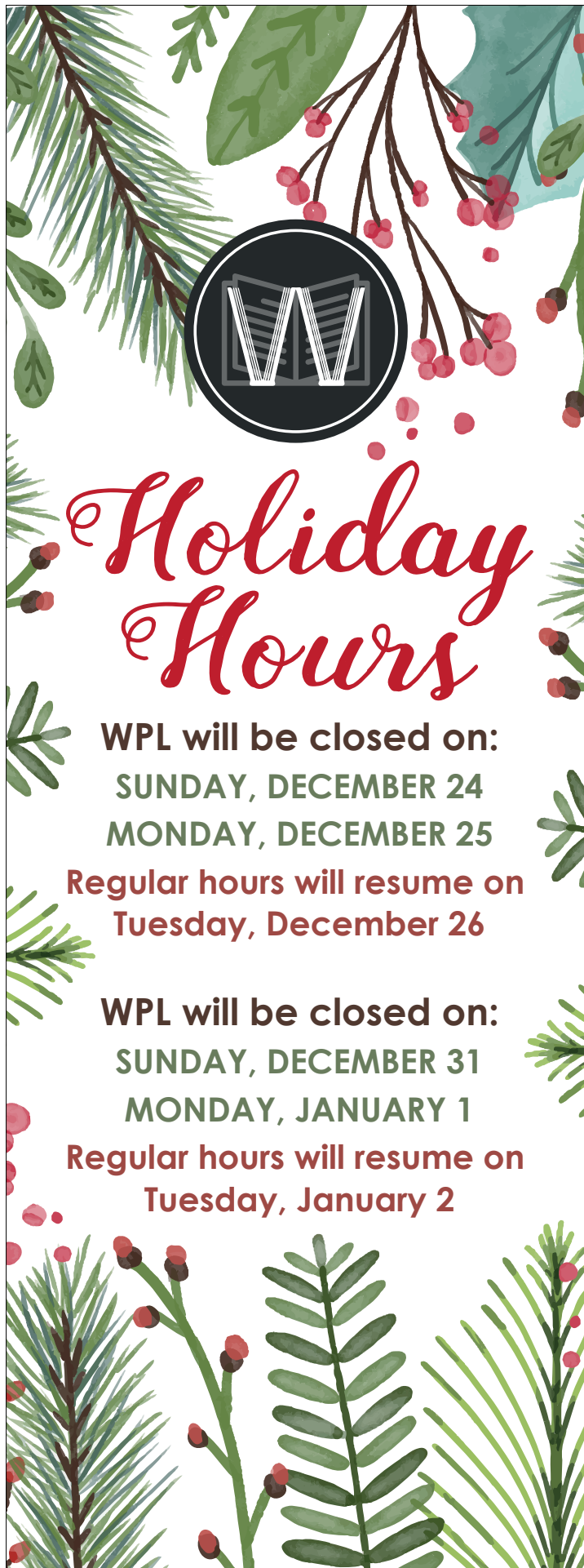
SEASONS GREETINGS FROM WPL



We're reflecting on the vibrant snapshots from WPL's 2023 events and programs—a year filled with reading, learning, laughter, creativity, and community. We are grateful for your unwavering support and excited to embark on new memory-making adventures together in 2024!

2023 WPL MEMORIES





Holiday Hours

WPL will be closed on:
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Regular hours will resume on
Tuesday, December 26

WPL will be closed on:
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
MONDAY, JANUARY 1

Regular hours will resume on
Tuesday, January 2



MAKE IT A GAME NIGHT

Our Thomas and Hageman Branches
have over 700 games available
to check out for patrons of all ages.





Holiday House Decorating

- For Youth in Grades K-12 ●
- Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Baughner Center

Let's get the holidays started!
You will get your very own miniature holiday house to decorate with icing and a plethora of add-ons. There are six half-hour sessions for this event.
Register for one session only.

Saturday,
December 2
9 AM - NOON

Registration opens **NOVEMBER 25**
Register online or by calling 219-926-9080



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PROGRAMS & CRAFT KITS FOR ADULTS



Holiday Gift Card Holders

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 6
1-2 PM**

Join us to get a head start on your holiday wrapping. You will create 3 different holiday themed gift card holders and enjoy the company of other crafters.

This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

Hageman Branch

**Registration opens
NOVEMBER 29**

Register online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your spot.

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ADULT CRAFT NIGHT

Make Your Own Mistletoe

**MONDAY
DECEMBER 11
6:30 PM**

What is mistletoe? Why do we kiss beneath it? Learn about the origins of this festive tradition and the parasitic plant that inspired it. Then, craft your own felt-and-bead mistletoe hanging to deck your halls this holiday season.

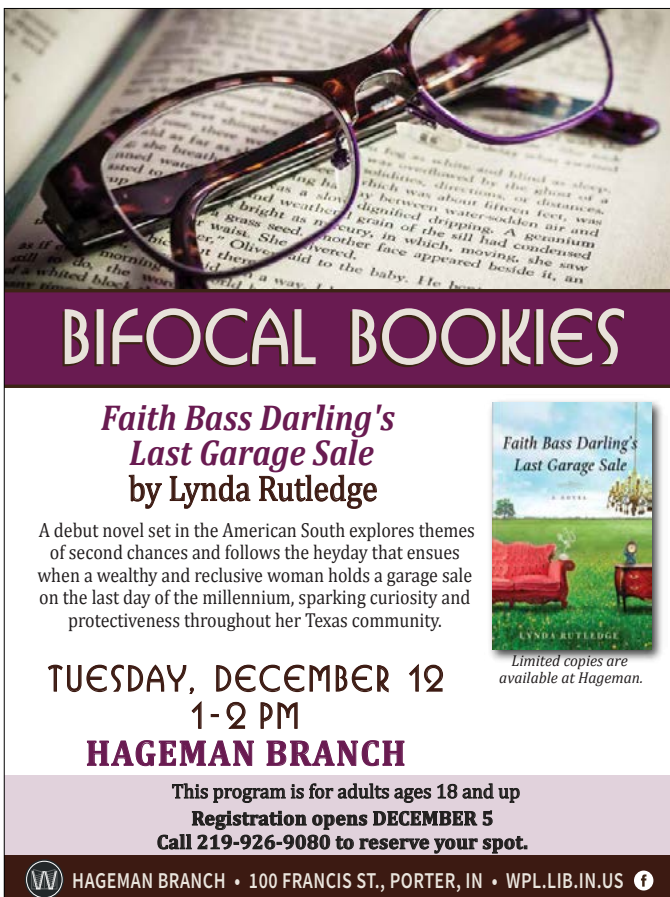
For adults ages 18 and up.

Baughner Center

**Registration opens
DECEMBER 4**

Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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BIFOCAL BOOKIES


**Faith Bass Darling's
Last Garage Sale
by Lynda Rutledge**

A debut novel set in the American South explores themes of second chances and follows the heyday that ensues when a wealthy and reclusive woman holds a garage sale on the last day of the millennium, sparking curiosity and protectiveness throughout her Texas community.



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12
1-2 PM**

HAGEMAN BRANCH

This program is for adults ages 18 and up
Registration opens DECEMBER 5
Call 219-926-9080 to reserve your spot.



Limited copies are available at Hageman.

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ADULT CRAFT KIT:

New Year's Walnut Wishes

Ring in the new year with a set of DIY walnut wishes. A beautiful seasonal twist on the classic fortune cookie, these glittering painted walnut shells, filled with good wishes or predictions, will help you create a New Year's celebration that's truly golden. This kit contains everything you will need to create 3 walnut wishes.

For adults ages 18 and up.

Registration for this craft kit opens DECEMBER 8.

Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your kit.
This craft kit is picked up at THOMAS from December 15-22.

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WPL'S SUNDAY MATINEE

Last Christmas



RATED
PG-13

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 1:30 PM

BAUGHER CENTER

100 W. INDIANA AVENUE, CHESTERTON, IN

FREE
POPCORN!

ADULT CRAFT NIGHT:

DIY Christmas Crackers

Monday, December 18 • 6:30PM

Learn about a 200-year-old English tradition that's still going strong: the Christmas cracker. Typically placed between settings at a festive lunch, these paper tubes of treats will start any holiday gathering with a bang. Craft your own pair of crackers complete with the traditional fillings of paper hats, silly jokes, and sweets.

For adults ages 18 and up.

BAUGHER CENTER

Registration opens DECEMBER 11

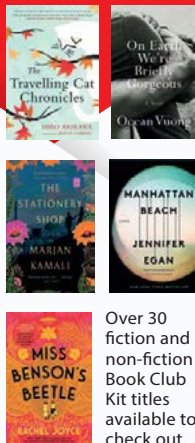
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WPL BOOK CLUB KITS



Over 30
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non-fiction
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available to
check out.

Host your own book club with a kit from Westchester Public Library! Each kit includes multiple copies of the same title, and a list of discussion questions.

Create new friendships, strengthen bonds, and learn all sorts of interesting things by sharing a book together.



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READING TUTORING PROGRAM



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join our crew of volunteer reading tutors! Help kids fall in love with reading, as well as succeed in their schoolwork. These opportunities are low time commitments with long-lasting, positive effects. Submit your volunteer application online at <https://wpl.lib.in.us/volunteer/> or visit the Thomas Branch for a hard copy of our application.

All volunteers undergo a criminal history check.

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FOR TEENS & TWEENS



CRAFT KIT:
Light Up Cards
**FOR TWEENS & TEENS
IN GRADES 5-12**


Send an "illuminating" message in your greeting cards. Register for this kit to learn how to make a light up card.

**Registration for
this kit opens
NOVEMBER 30**

Register online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your kit.
This craft kit is picked up at HAGEMAN
from DECEMBER 7-14.


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Culture Club



**For Tweens
in Grades 5 - 8**

Explore the world with us, one country (and one snack) at a time. The world is an exciting place full of amazing sights and food, and we want to share it with you!





ATHENS

This month we will be learning about Greece! We will also eat snacks and play trivia! Join us to learn more about this amazing world we live in.

**Wednesday, December 13
6 - 7 PM**

BAUGHER CENTER
100 W. Indiana Ave, Chesterton
Registration opens **DECEMBER 6**

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Teens and Tweens-

Follow us on Instagram at
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to get the scoop on programs,
services, monthly book challenges
and book reviews just for you!



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MAGAZINES OF INTEREST



Chicago (Thomas print & digital)

Chicago magazine delivers an authoritative guide to life in one of America's greatest cities. From insight into the best dining and shopping to interviews with fascinating figures shaping the future of Chicago, every issue is your source for living city smart.



Victoria (Thomas print & digital)

Victoria celebrates the grace and elegance of a life well lived. Created for all who love the timeless appeal of vintage style clothing, heritage linens, charming homes, gracious gardens, unique decorative touches, photos and stories about unique and exciting travel destinations, and all that is beautiful in life. In a frantic and hurried world, *Victoria* offers a respite from the chaos of everyday life.

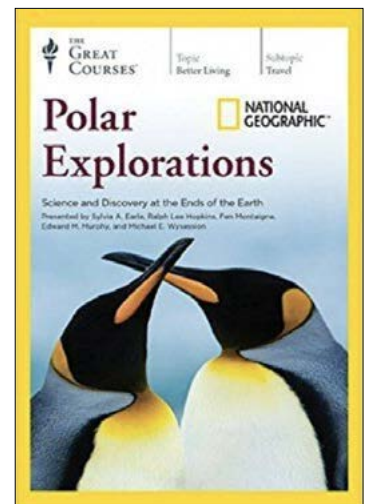
THE GREAT COURSES

National Geographic Polar Explorations (DVD)

Enchanting and otherworldly in their beauty, the polar regions are some of the most isolated and least understood places on Earth. *Polar Explorations*, a one-of-a-kind educational journey created in collaboration with National Geographic, provides you a 360-degree view of the Arctic and Antarctica in 22 visually stunning lectures.

Take an opportunity to venture to the polar regions where you'll witness breathtaking sights unparalleled on our planet, including: Antarctic ice sheets covering an area one-and-a-half times the size of the United States and up to three miles deep (representing 90% of the world's ice and 70% of its fresh water); magnificent blue icebergs and massive calving glaciers; periods when the sun and the moon are continuously visible and never set; astonishing seabirds, from penguins and puffins to skuas and petrels; bizarre sea-based life-forms such as diatoms and sea butterflies; and other remarkable wildlife in action, including polar bears, Arctic foxes, walruses, narwhals, seals, and orcas.

These lectures offer you a captivating, in-depth look at what makes these places so exceptional and why they beg to be studied. This spectacular footage, shot on location during voyages with National Geographic Expeditions—the travel program of the National Geographic Society—provides you with an immersive experience unmatched by anything short of actually journeying to the ends of the Earth.



FOR KIDS

GAMERS UNITE: Code Your Own Video Game



For Kids in Grades K - 4

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 • 4 - 5 PM

Do you love **ROBLOX** or **MINECRAFT**?

Join Miss Justine in this nationwide effort to demystify the computer science language of code – while creating your own video game!

As part of Computer Science Education Week's Hour of Code, we will gather and do coding activities that will familiarize us with the basic tools you need and want for your gaming.

THOMAS BRANCH-IT CLASSROOM

Registration opens NOVEMBER 30

Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

HOUR
OF
CODE

Hour of Code™ is a nationwide initiative by Computer Science Education Week and Code.org to introduce millions of students to one hour of computer science and computer programming.



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PLAYDATE

For Babies Birth-24 Months and Their Caregivers

This program offers babies and their caregivers the opportunity to meet other children their own age. As the babies practice social skills such as taking turns and sharing, caregivers can exchange hints, tips, and other information, sometimes forming lifelong friendships along the way.

TUESDAYS 9-10 AM
12/05

FRIDAYS 9-10 AM
12/01 • 12/15

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Tinker & Create: Winter Holidays

**FOR KIDS IN
GRADES 1-4**

Bring a friend to learn about different holidays and traditions around the world, then make your very own holiday sweater collage.



Monday, December 11
4:30-5:30 PM
Hageman Branch

Registration opens DECEMBER 4

Register online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your spot.

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CRAFTERNOONS PICK-UP CRAFT KIT

at the Hageman Branch

KEEPSAKE HANDPRINT CARDINAL



The kit includes everything you need, except for your child's hand, to make a beautiful keepsake cardinal. This craft kit is for ages 2-5.

**Registration opens
DECEMBER 30**

Call the Hageman Branch at 219-926-9080 to reserve your Craft Kit, or register online. This kit is picked up at the HAGEMAN BRANCH Jan. 6-13.

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NEW YEAR Glow Celebration

**For Kids Ages 2-5
and Their Caregivers**

Thursday, January 4 • 4-5 PM
BAUGHER CENTER

Join us as we say goodbye to 2023 and celebrate the New Year. Get ready to get your glow on as we enjoy stories, dancing, singing, and a craft.

Registration opens DECEMBER 26

Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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Toddler Time

For Toddlers Ages 2-3 and Their Caregivers

Join us for a sensory storytime. Together we will read, sing, socialize, create, build, and learn through play.

MONDAYS 10-10:30 or 11-11:30 AM

1/8 • 1/15 • 1/22 • 1/29

Registration opens **DECEMBER 29**

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For Babies Ages 9-24 Months and Their Caregivers

Join Miss Ronnie for an interactive program filled with songs, stories, fingerplays, and nursery rhymes.

TUESDAYS 10-10:30 or 11-11:30 AM

1/9 • 1/16 • 1/23 • 1/30

FRIDAYS 10-10:30 AM

1/12 • 1/19 • 1/26 • 2/2

Registration opens **JANUARY 2**

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Tickle Tales

LITTLE EXPLORERS: POETRY LAB

For Kids Ages 4-6 and Their Caregivers

Join Miss Justine as we celebrate the joy, expressiveness, and pure delight of poetry.

WEDNESDAYS 4-4:30 PM

1/10 • 1/17 • 1/24 • 1/31

Registration opens **JANUARY 3**

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Register for this **four-week session** online at wpl.lib.in.us or call to reserve your spot.

Cupcakes and Canvas



Tuesday, January 2
10 AM-Noon or 2-4 PM

Wednesday, January 3
10 AM-Noon or 2-4 PM

Register for 1 of the 4 sessions offered



**BAUGHER
CENTER**

Come join us for painting and cupcakes over winter break
with Museum Educator Susan Swarner!

For Kids ages 6-12 • All supplies provided • Wear messy clothes
Parent or guardian must accompany child.

Class size is limited to 12 children. Registration opens DEC. 19.

Register online or call the Museum at 219-926-7696.

Register for one, 2 hour session at either 10 am-12 pm or 2-4 pm.



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Westchester Township History Museum

PRESERVATION 101

***SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
10-11 AM***

Learn the basics for preserving your keepsakes and heirlooms with Museum Curator Serena Ard. She will discuss some of the things that can cause deterioration in keepsakes, and give tips to stop deterioration. Attendees will receive a handout with notes, tips, and places to access archival materials.

Attend in person at the Museum or on **zoom.**

Registration opens **NOVEMBER 25**

Register online or call 219-983-9715 to reserve your spot.



HOLIDAY GIFTS THAT CELEBRATE DUNELAND

Do your holiday shopping close to home with gifts that reflect a rich Duneland history from the Westchester Township History Museum store.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY SALE:

10% OFF

NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 23

WESTCHESTER TWP. HISTORY MUSEUM

700 W. Porter Ave. • Chesterton • 219-983-9715

Open: 12pm - 5pm Wednesdays and the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. You may also visit on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday by appointment.

ENDS
DECEMBER 2023

STEEL

THE REGION'S LEGACY INDUSTRY

ON DISPLAY THROUGH 2023

WESTCHESTER TOWNSHIP HISTORY MUSEUM

Look back at the 122-year history of steel in the Region and its impact on local towns, the economy, population growth, and transportation.

The exhibit includes photographs, maps, and artifacts from the Museum collection, as well as some on loan from the Northwest Indiana Steel Heritage Group. Come see the 4-foot-long wrench and try it out to see how difficult it must be to work with these giant tools.

The Westchester Township History Museum is open:
12pm - 5pm Wednesdays and the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.
You may also visit on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday by appointment.
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MUSIC AT THE MUSEUM

Join the Flashbacks for a blast from the past as they present hits from the past 500 years.

They focus on folk music from various countries and include some classics that you may have heard before.

The group is composed of Suzanne Keldsen, playing guitar, recorders, and fiddle; Jim Nelson on guitar; Lynn Edgemon playing guitar and banjo; and Marti Pizzini on autoharp, dulcimer, and guitar.

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 14**

THE BROWN MANSION

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EXHIBIT TOURS RESEARCH

Sunday & Monday

Closed

Wednesday

Open 12 - 5 pm

2nd & 4th Saturday of the month

Open 12 - 5 pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday by appointment only

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Holiday
CLASSICS



Curbside Pickup hours:
 Monday-Friday 1pm-6pm at both branches;
 Saturday 11:30am-4:30pm at Thomas Branch;
 Saturday 1:30pm-4:30pm at Hageman Branch;
 Sunday 1:30pm-4:30pm at Thomas Branch

1. Use your Library card to place holds (online or by phone) for up to 5 DVDs and 10 other items per card, based on the following item limits: 5 DVDs, 10 Music CDs, 5 New Books, 2 Electronic Games, 10 General Books.

2. After you receive notice that your holds are ready, drive to your branch during Curbside Pickup hours. Pull into a specially-numbered parking space.

3. Call the Library phone number posted on the numbered parking space sign and staff will check-out and bring your holds to your parking space.

4. TWO options for pickup! Staff will place your holds on the table attached to your parking space for you to get, OR, pop your trunk and staff will place your holds inside the trunk and will then close it for you.

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 Tech Help availability

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Check out the WPL YouTube channel and find a rich collection of videos from the Westchester Township History Museum featuring local history, notable Duneland residents, and facts about the dunes and lakeshore.



Duneland Ghost Towns Series



Everyday is Earth Day Series



Duneland's Swedish Immigrants Series



Becoming Westchester Township Series

Find the YouTube link at wpl.lib.in.us

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ON IN OUR
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NEW MOVIE & TELEVISION SERIES RELEASES

Movie Title: *A Christmas Story Christmas* // **Rating:** PG

Synopsis: Ralphie is all grown up in this sequel to the annual holiday favorite in which he must deal with Christmas and all that comes with it, this time as a dad. Peter Billingsley returns to the role that has made kids of all ages anticipate Christmas morning like no other.

Movie Title: *Oppenheimer* // **Rating:** R

Synopsis: The story of American scientist, J. Robert Oppenheimer, and his role in the development of the atomic bomb.

TV Series: *Detectorists. Series 1* // **Rating:** TV-14

Synopsis: This British comedy follows two misfits and metal-detecting enthusiasts as they scour the English countryside for treasure. Andy muddles through his relationship with Becky and Lance flounders in the dating pool until someone enters his life.

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